#### MRS. WIDENHOUSE IS DECLARED NOT **GUILTY BY JURY**

Former Boone Woman Freed on Mur-der Count. Verdict Reached After Hour and Quarter. Defendant Tes-tified Husband Had Made Threats Against Her Life. Large Crowd in Courtroom as Trial Closed.

Concord, N. C .- Mrs. Mary Benpett Widenhouse, former resident of Boone, was found not guilty by a Ca-barrus jury at 9:15 Monday night in her trial for the slaying of her hus-band, Donald, on last March 5th. The jury deliberated an hour and five

Showing no emotion and sitting calmly with relatives while the jury was out, Mrs. Widenhouse first shook hands with her chief counsel, L. T. Hartsell, and then with members of the jury. Relatives soon gathered around her while A. P. Widenhouse, father of the dead man, walked quietly from the court room.

There was no demonstration. As was the case when the trial was begun last week, only to be interrupted by a death in Judge Oglesby's family, the court-room was packed to overflowing when the trial was sumed Monday morning. Spectators knew Mrs. Widenhouse would be the first witness, as she was on the stand when court recessed last week, and they were present by the hundreds to hear her version of the tragedy.

The defense rested at noon and several rebuttal witnesses for the state and one for the defense had completed their testimony when the noon recess was taken. Arguments began late in the afternoon.

Tells of Threats

was a man of strength and quick temper and often threatened her. On the morning of the slaving she said the morning of the slaving she said the cursed her and added, "I'll kill you." That was before he whipped and beat her, she said. The defendant admitted that once in the presence of her husband's father, A. P. Widenhouse, she had threatened to kill her house, she had threatened to kill her house and the way the other boys spoke that even if they are boys, there weeks.

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and she was so in fear or him that she kept a pistol hidden all of the

On cross-examination the default and default and default and denied that she hid in a ditch with a gun waiting for her husband and said she could not recall ever chasing her husband with a pistol or other firearms.

She said she took a wire from the carbe seed as the didn't want her hiss-recause she didn't want her hiss-recause On cross-examination the defend

Lewis Robbins said Widenhouse was a "violent and dangerous men" and he and Lentz Baree said they had heard Widenhouse threaten to had heard Widenhouse threaten to had heard Widenhouse threaten to kill his wife. Barbee also denied that trouble started when Widenhouse There are still 434 delegates to be came home and found him in bed with Mrs. Widenhouse, saying this was not true. Mrs. Widenhouse later was recalled to the stand and also denied the charge that she had been

as the frist rebuttal witness immediately preceding the shooting. His Wednesday by John Barbee.
On cross-examination by Mr. Hart-

sell, he stated he saw Mrs. Widen-house run out of the house cursing and crying, pistol in hand, and said she'd shoot him if he hit her again just before she went to the filling

"I heard her say, "Donald, don't

walked back to the house.

out. Donald came out of the house, dread diseases in Watauga County. went to the car and tried to start it.

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#### FIVE TERMS IN SCHOOL AND

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Little of is in prospect. Potato vines just peep Boone, who finished the fifth grade ing through the earth have already in the Demonstration School this been attacked by bugs, says Mr. Edbeen in school for five years, two ingly mild winter weather made it in Salisbury and one in Boone, and during that time was never absent through the cold scason. Flea bugs are also causing much worry to Cove loans on adjusted compensation ceror tardy from classes. On several are also causing much worry to Cove loans on adjusted compensation cer-





Dr John Condon, commissioned by Col Lindbergh to pay \$50,000 to kid-nappers for the return of the baby paid the money but the child was not returned.

### MANAGERS CLAIM ROOSEVELT WILL BE PARTY'S CHOICE

New York .- Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaign managers, still pre-dicting his numination on the first

cause of overlapping claims.

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Louisiana's 20 votes toward the
Roosevelt camp. However, the Louisland delegation is uninstructed and
its choice will not be known formally
there.

There are still 434 delegates to be

# in oed with Barbee. Harvey Pierson, colored employee of the slain man, told of the events

theria, Record Number Come to Boone for Serum.

Thus far this week there have ults and children vaccinated against into the bark to suck sap from the typhoid and diphtheria at the court-house in Boone, and reports coming been living trees. Here these grabs have been approximately one thousand adcome on me, twice just before the house in Boone, and reports coming been living and developing for about shot was fired," he said. Roy Hagler told of seeing Mrs. ord numbers are guarding themselves Widenhouse at the filling station with against the diseases. The serum is coming of warm weather, when they a pistol in her hand and further tesadministered without cost to the coun-will emerge in countless thousands. tified she still had the gun when she ty or to the individual, doctors and nurses are giving their time without nal happenings of the insect world, I watched her from the back of pay, and the campaign inaugurated says the entomologist. the filling station and saw her go by the County Board of Health bids served by the earliest settlers in this announced for the Stony Fork Bapmost pleasantly spent in to the automobile and jerk something fair to all but stamp out the two State and careful records have been tist Association Sunday School Conscience in this served by the earliest settlers in this announced for the Stony Fork Bapmost pleasantly spent in this fair to all but stamp out the two State and careful records have been tist Association Sunday School Conscience.

section was a visitor in Boone Mon- ords have been kept." day and while here stated that potato NEVER ABSENT FROM CLASS bugs and other plant insects are ap-Elizabeth Little, 10-year-old daugh-

### FATHER AND SON PICNIC ENJOYED BY LARGE CROWD

Young Tar Heel Farmers Enjoy Outing With Fathers at Cove Creek. Rev. J. A. McKaughn and Superirtendent Smith Hagaman Deliver Addresses. Speech by Alfred Ad-

On the evening of April 13th the Cove Creek Chapter of Future Farmers had one of their outstanding events of the year, the Father and Son Picnic. Every member of the agricultural organization invited his father to meet the group at the Cove Creek School. A large number of the fathers came, and to start the pro-gram beat the boys in a game of playground ball. After the game the group met in the agriculture room, where every one was served with a nice lunch prepared by the home ec-onomics girls and the agriculture boys under the supervision of Miss Annie Dougherty.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Dunn, president of the agriculture organization. Stanley A. Campaign Managers Say New York added to the organization as "green Governor Will Go into Convention With 700 Votes. Delegate Lists of bel. Michael, Thomas Presnell, James Contenders Shown. Claimed Line-McBride, Cline Widker, Berl Henson, up Gives Koosevelt 673 Votes, Ro. Romiger, Charlie Michael and Jo. Banner were awarded F. F. A. banges for their outstanding work during the past year. These badges show their identity as "Future Farmer" members. Superintendent Smith ballot, claimed today he will go into the Democratic national convention with close to 700 delegate-votes.

He gaman said a few words of gratitude toward this work, illustrating the crowded teaching profession and Not counting the twelve delegates the need for boys to prepare for some Tells of Threats

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# 17-YEAR LOCUSTS

1915. Specimens Are Wanted by Entomologist at State College in Raleigh.

Raleigh.-North Carolina's bestown broad of 17-year locusts will begin to emerge from the homes they have made in the soil since 1915 and will advertise their presence by an awfu! din in the forest trees of the State in late May or early June.

into tiny grubs about 1-16 of an inch long and these crawled into the soil not be learned, but it is stated that through small crevices where the grubs attached themselves to the home community for burial. seventeen years. Their wings are now full grown and they are awaiting th

air to all but stamp out the the last time that time. There are some last time there was a spear each year. Then there are the appear each year. Then there are the appear each year. Then there are the day, May 29th.

Devotional by Rev. Ed Robbins odist Church. Then he got out and lifted the hood. He then took three steps toward her and she said, "Don, I told you not to come on me," and then shot. She was facing him and only a short distance from him when the bullet was fired."

INSECT HORDES CAUSE WORRY TO FARMERS IN WATAUGA

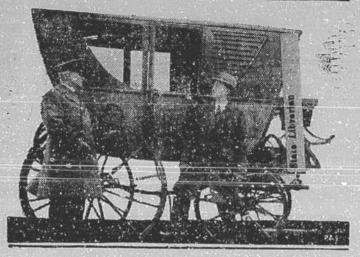
TO FARMERS IN WATAUGA

Then he got out and lifted the hood. general vaccination here, about o, appear each year. In 13-year locusts as well as the 17-year brood. Sometimes these overlap in emergence, as they did in 1398. There are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion, but the brood which emerges are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confused fusion.

Dr. Metcalf requests that specimens of the locusts be sent to him.

#### HALF MILLION DOLLARS PAID TO N. C. VETS LAST MONTH

#### George Washington Rode in This Coach



The ancient vehicle in which, Washington rode to his first inauguration in New York has been preserved by the Frankford Historical Society.

## JAMES G. VANNOY |LANDS WILL NOT BE OF POPLAR GROVE SOLD FOR TAXES IN PASSES THURSDAY JUNE, SAYS BOARD

Death Followed Serious Operation in More Than Fifteen Thousand Dollars Statesville Hospital. Was 62 Years of Age. Funeral Services Held Friday Afternoon by Rev. Gragg. Survived by Widow and Seven Children.

James G. Vannoy, 62-year-old resi dent of the Poplar Grove section, died in a Statesville Hospital Thurs-

These figures total more than 1,154 awarded a public speaking medal by the actual convention vote—be-ause of overlapping claims.

Up until Monday's conventions in Anyone living on the farm of the fa

17-YEAR LOCUSTS
EXPECTED IN JUNE

Ty years.

Surviving are the widow and seven children: Miss Pearl Vannoy, Miss Faye Vannoy, Elbert and George Vannoy, all of Poplar Grove; Mrs. C. L. Smith of Boone, and Ernest Vannoy, of Jacksonville, Fla.

## Appearance of Insects Since RALPH HARRIS IS KILLED IN CRASH

Step-son of Blaine Coffey Dies from Auto Injuries Received in Pensacola, Fla. Body to Be Re-turned to Watauga.

Ralph Harris, 22 years old, a private in the United States Army, sta-ARE VACCINATED

Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the department of entomology and zoology at State College, says the locusts which will emerge this year are from eggs that were laid in the limbs of father, Former Representative Blaine trees back in 1915. The eggs hatched coffey of the Boone's Fork section.

second term in the army and had but recently visited with homefolks.

# S. S. Conference to Be

announced for the Stony Fork Bap- most pleasantly spent in short sight tist Association Sunday School Con-ference, which will be held with the Sandy Flat Baptist Church on Sun-the son of Rev. D. P. Waters, many

Ira Edmisten of the Windy Gap one on which the most careful rec-School in Every Church?", Rev. B. F. Wilcox; 12:00, dinner.

Afternoon: 1 o'clock, organization; 1:30, "The Responsibility of the Sun-Charlotte, N. C.—The regional of-2:30, "Personal Work of Sunday

Mrs. Luther Bingham and children, occasions the young lady has suffered from minor ailments, but never has she been willing to stay away from to keep down their damaging work.

To several are also causing much worry to Cove loans on adjusted compensation certificates, and \$37,062.36 for insurance loans, the balance being for dashlity, the bureau reported Tuestokeep down their damaging work.

Mrs. Luther Bingham and Children, week in Statesville.

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Collected in Past Ten Days. Sher-iff L. M. Farthing Issues Statement in Which He Explains Action. Says People Are Making Honest Effort to Pay their Assessments.

According to a decision reached the last of the week by Watauga officials, lands of delinquert taxpayers will not lay morning, following a serious op- be offered for sale on the first Monday morning, following a serious opevation which had been performed day in June, as was announced on
some days before. He had been in
ill health for more than fifteen years,
least thirty days will be granted in
and had been critically ill for about
three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted

"To the Taxpayers of Watauga: "With a full knowledge of the laws of our State requiring the Sheriff to advertise the lands of delinquent taxpayers on the first Monday in May so as to sell said lands on the first Monday in June, further recognizing the money situation in Watauga County is perate, and with a full and abiding faith in the people of our county to do their full duty to meet this desperate situation as has been indicated to me especially in the last ten days by the payment into my office of more than fifteen thou-sand dollars. I have therefore, at whatever risk of law or criticism from my people, decided not to advertise until I am forced to do so, I therefore do most earnestly urge every delinquent taxpayer to put forth every effort possible to make immediate payment of their taxes in order that the county may be able to meet its obligations. I am personally aware of the scriousness of this financial situation, and I should rather meet and bear criticism than increase the already very heavy burden on our people. Of course we all know that the taxes must be collected and the sooner the better for all concerned.
"Respectfully,

"L. M. Farthing, Sheriff."

# Pittsboro Graduates

was the first visit of the students to selves for the consequences. The following program has been the mountain region and the time was

years ago a pastor of the Boone Meth-ers College:

# Brings Flame to Barn

Mr. Roby Wilson of Sutherland, was visiting in this community last Friday, tells of a terrific electric storm which visited his neighborhood on Thursday. A flash of lightning, day School to Reach the Lost," L. T. he says, ignited a large barn of the Elrod; 2:00, "Bible Teaching and by Mrs. Joe Sutherland, and the Elrod; 2:00, "Bible Teaching and building was a complete loss. Crops he says, ignited a large barn owned by Mrs. Joe Sutherland, and the were badly washed over a small radius, and considerable damage reported.

> Mrs. Charles Bingham and children, David and Mary Martha, spent last

Miss Blanche Stokes underwent a serious operation at Statesville last Wednesday. She is doing nicely.

### 117 GRADIJATE IN FINALS AT STATE TEACHER COLLEGE

Dr. B. B. Dougherty Confers Degrees on Thirty-seven Students in Exer-cises at Appalachian. Dr. N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill Delivers Address Before Large Audience. Eighty Receive Two-year Diplomas.

One hundred and seventeen seniors, 37 in the four-year college course leading to bachelor of science degrees and 80 in the two-year course, received their diplomas here Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock when finis was written to the 29th annual commencement at Appalachian State Col-

Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of the school of education at the University of North Carolina, delivered the commencement address to the graduates in the main auditorium of the college, and immediately following his address, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, presi-dent of the college, conferred the

Of the 37 receiving B. S. degrees, 36 are from North Carolina They are, as follows: Roy Ellison, Sugar Grove; Yates Havener, Vale; Bernard Jones, Lansing; Roy Keller, Blowing Rock; Charles McNeill, Wilkesboro; Stephen Smith, Wingate; Laurie Stewart and Eather Stewart, Hunting Creek: Lloyd Turner, Lawndale, and Conrad York, Olin.

Kathleen Brooks, Bonlee; Ada Clark, Crossnore; Mary Graves, Ruby; Ruth Honeycutt, Boone; Julia Idol, Clemmons; C. Redmond Laverdar, Columbus; Maggie Moretz, Boone; Stella Scronce, Newton; Sarah Sta-ley, of Staley; Mary Weiborn, Stony Fork; Ruby Winkler, Boone,

Mary Hackney, Lenoir; Flossie Joy-ner, Hamptonville; Lucille Miller, Boone; Essie Mac Outlaw, Seven Springs; Beatrice Pearson, Wilkes-bore; Dessa Mac Triplett, Matney; Clyde Mae Goodman, Jefferson; Mary Lee Dillon, Guilford; Josephine Abernethy, Hickory; Toler Haynes, Jones-ville; Claude Pyatte, Crossnore; Har-ry Halliburton, Morganton; Stanley

Livingston, Boomer; and Lindsay Waers, Rutherfordton. Eighty received diplomas in the two-year class. There are 79 girls graduating from this district, Allan Boger of Concord being the only boy. The rest are: Helen Abernathy, Helen Barber, Jewell Bess, Georgia Blanton, Hilda Brandon, Ruby Bray

Loraine Bush, Cornellia Collins, Lau-ra Combs, Inez Crouse, Lillian Davis, Mary Dellinger, Ollie Dixon, Lucille Fisher, Elizabeth Fox, Mable Gibbs, Elizabeth Gidney, Elsie Gidney, Leota Greene, Iva Guthrie, Edna Harrell, Nellie Harrell, Lucille Harris, Lola Anne Hensley, Pearl Hoover, Evelean Houser, Sara Hoyle, Stella Mae John-ston, Ethel King, Verna King, Mary Klutz, Nan Lingle, Mary McSwain, Juanita Myers, Eva Patterson, Doro-thy Ritchie, Bessie Rudisill, Lorene Sloop, Hazel Shidal, Margaret Smith, Weaver, Myrtle Yount, Louisa Ruby Lookabill, Zelma Richardson. Etta Ballard, Altonia Beam, Evie

Sue Blackwell, Louise Bumgardner, Nancy Caldwell, Lucille Davis, Nellie Cole, Kate Fisher, Lillie Mae Free-man, Mavis Frickle, Lalene Grigg, Anna Hahn, Virginia Holiand, Margaret Harrington, Susie Grose, Faire Lathan, Carrie McBrayer, Blanche McCarter, Margaret McGimsey, Ila Matkins, Margaret Osborne, Grace Perry, Eugenia Poindexter, Pauline Sarah Ritchie, Anna Spencer, Lillian Steele, Irene Walker, Mary Whitesides, Wilkins Mary, Leona Williamson, and Dovie Wilmoth.

#### PROTECT SONG BIRDS

Several complaints have come to the office of County Game Warden On Sight-seeing Trip H. Grady Farthing concerning the destruction of song birds by Shirley Waters, for the past eight with sling shots. Warden Farthing years principal of the Pittsboro High states that this practice is a distinct School, accompanied by 28 members violation of the law, and subject to of the graduating class of that insti-large fines. He urges parents to tell tution, arrived in Boone last Wednes-their children to refrain from the Held at Sandy Flat day and remained until Friday. This wanton destruction, or prepare them-

#### THE WEATHER

Average maximum temperature 70 Average minimum temperature 45

degrees. Average temperature 58 degrees werage daily range in tempera-

ture, 25 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature 34 degrees, on the 3rd.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. 63 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 78 degrees on the 7th. 1 owest temperature reached 33 de-

rees on the 3rd. Number inches of rainfall, 1.87. Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 1.87 n the 1st.

Number of days with .01 inch or

more rainfall, 1. Number of clear days, 6. Number of partly cloudy days, 1.

Direction of prevailing wind, west. Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halos on 1st and 3rd.